COAA MAY 2016 MINUTES					
The following minutes are 5/4/2016	taken as t		the public input was report MAYOR'S OFFICE ON	6 th Floor	
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Meeting Called By:	Chairwoman Akua Asare				
Secretary:	Commissioner Kedist Geremaw				
Attendees:	<u>Commissioners:</u> Chibu Anyanwu, Nana Afari-Dwamena, Akua Asare, Lafayette Barnes, Kedist Geremaw, Loide Jorge, Kotheid Nicoue, Ify				
	Nwabukwu, Willair St. Vil, Ikenna Udejiofor				
	<u>Director:</u> Mamadou Samba				
	Deputy Director: Heran Sereke- Brhan,				
	Outreach Specialist: Bezawit Mane, Outreach Liaison: Endrias Amanuel Intern: Donald Ndebeka Public: John Jackson				
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March/April Minutes:		Minutes were accept	ted		
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Introduction:	•	Commission's Chair	Asare opened the meeting by	welcoming the	
		Commissioners and			
STANDING BUSINESS	T				
COAA/MOAA	•	MOAA update	`		
Issue 1: Director Samba	Director Mamadou Samba expressed his condolences on behalf of MOAA about the passing of Commissioner Geremaw's father.				
	Briefed all on the outcome of the DC Council hearing - mentioned the possibility of adding outreach and Language Access Outreach staff to the office.				
		'Get Out The Vote' i	ic Charter School would like t nitiative. The school has two out 400 of which are African a	campuses with 400 and	
		"Know Your Rights F Mayor's presence.	orum" will take place on Jun	e 27, 2016 with the DC	
		2016 in partnership UNESCO Center for I	g African ConneXion Summit with Howard University, Wa Peace, and sponsorship from ca Today TV, and COAA.	gner College New York,	
		Mandela Day of Serv	vice will happen on July 16, 2	016, a day after the Summit.	
			Festival August 27, 2016 vice Award recognition		
		participant from MC	the 10th year Anniversary C DAA/ COAA member is part o programs and services that th	f the planning. The focus will	

Issue 2: Chair Asare	responsibilities of members, and the need to forge relationship with other governmental agencies and community members.
	Office of Cable Television is interested in creating a video reflection for the 10th anniversary.
	Chairwoman Asare commented on the participation of COAA on the passing of Commissioner Geremaw's Father.
	Commissioner Geremaw thanked both MOAA/COAA for the support that she received.
	Third Quarter Goals were discussed.
	Chairwoman Asare asked commissioners to submit pictures by May 15, 2016 of at least two programs or events that Commissioners have attended or participated in.
COAA Sub-Committee/ Project Reports	Commissioners Afari-Dwamena and Nicoue reported on the interest for YAP (Young African Professionals) to partner with MOAA / COAA.
	Other Subcommittee members have not submitted reports.
Issue 4:Community Input/Public Discussion	Mr. Jackson - public attendee - informed all those present about the upcoming African Union open house on May7th and United Nation forum on The African Diaspora on May 19 th in New York.
Upcoming Events:	 Know Your Rights Town Hall will take place on June 27, 2016. Young African ConneXion Summit will take place on July 15, 2016. Mandela Day of Service will take place on July 16, 2016. 7th Annual DC Africa Festival is scheduled for August 27, 2016.

Meeting ended at 7:30PM